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OUR PROGRESS

It is an inspiration daily to receive unmistakable evidences that we are recovering from our disorganization brought upon us by the war. Nearly every chapter is reporting a most healthful growth and is giving concrete proof of doing worthwhile work in line with our ideals.

The Hundred Per Cent Membership Campaign is progressing. Several chapters have almost completed their work and will be able to show a high score. In our April number we expect to publish the report of the campaign by chapters and show how nearly each one has come to the hundred per cent mark.

Wisconsin (Phi) Chapter has been installed, with twenty charter members. Michigan, Oregon and Peabody will each probably be installed before this number of the magazine is out of press. Several other groups have petitions almost ready to present to the National Executive Committee or already in its hands. The new office of District Deputy, although established under a serious handicap, is

beginning to make itself a valuable factor in the work of our Fraternity. Brothers Bauder, Wise, Koos, Carter and Norton are live wires and each is quite intimately acquainted with our larger problems as outlined by the 1920 Council.

There are several loose ends that cannot possibly be tied up during the present fiscal year, and we are going to have to ask the chapters and the brothers in the field to suspend judgment whenever it may appear that the Executive Committee or any national officer or district deputy is not striving faithfully to serve you.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

President Gray has in another column referred to a sort of score sheet for a student member of a chapter to use in judging himself in relation to his responsibility to Phi Delta Kappa. appeals to us as being an excellent suggestion and leads us to the thought that a similar plan might be worth while with reference to the individual responsibility of a field member to our fraternity. What do you, member in the field, think about it? Send in your proposed score sheet and let us have it in time for the next number of the Phi Delta Kappan. Of course, we cannot agree to publish every communication or to publish all of any. Be assured, however, the best replies will be given due publicity.

SOME ENCOURAGING WORDS

We have received rather a large number of letters from all over the field in response to the receipt of the November number of The Phi Delta Kappan, and every one of these letters is brim full of enthusiasm and encouragement. It is impossible to quote from all of them or to quote any of them completely. The following are typical of the good words that are coming in:

"The appearance of the magazine is concrete evidence that the aims and ideals expressed by the 1920 Council are

fast becoming a reality."

"I am certainly glad to discover that the organization as a whole has taken on a new lease of life, and is preparing to carry out some of the purposes to which we pledged ourselves when we were initiated. Among men who are actively engaged in a local chapter there may not seem to be such a need for a magazine that will typify the ideals of the Fraternity. But to a man who is without this constant fellowship, there is need of some unifying bond; otherwise he is apt to lose touch with his fellow-members."

"The magazine is worthy of the Fraternity and it surely contains much in the way of interest and valuable reading matter."

"The first number of the magazine is a good piece of work."

"Somehow I feel that we are on the way to accomplish the mission of the Fraternity now."

"After several years, it sure looks good to see the National Fraternity in print again. I have read The Phi Kappan from cover to cover with great pleasure. May I express my congratulations? It was an inspirational issue—this revival number. Bring on the next issue."

"It seemed mighty fine to receive an issue of The Phi Delta Kappan once more."

"This issue of the magazine certainly sets a standard for all the other numbers to follow. The magazine is, and will continue to be, our most powerful factor in unifying the whole Fraternity."

"It will certainly be of immense value in developing the national spirit."

The good thing about our national magazine is that it belongs to every one of us. The good words spoken of it are simply a commendation of the spirit of team work that is pervading our whole Fraternity.

A. J. M.

Chapter News

ALPHA (Indiana)

Alpha Chapter has been conducting a determined campaign to locate all members whose correct addresses are not known. For that reason the 100 per cent membership drive has been somewhat delayed. Now that our list of addresses is practically complete, the response to the appeal for support of the national organization is rapidly picking up.

A series of open meetings has been planned for the second semester through which the education students may become acquainted with the more recent and important issues in education. The idea is to define the opportunities for service and leadership to young men who are just entering or thinking of entering the profession. A joint social meeting has been planned with the chapter of Pi Lambda Theta, the national educational sorority, at Indiana University.

FRANK B. LINDSAY, Corresponding Secretary.

BETA (Columbia)

The regular meetings of Beta Chapter have been most valuable during the present session. At the second meeting, Dr. M. B. Hillegas, formerly Commissioner of Education for Vermont, now a member of the faculty of Teachers College, spoke on the subject, "Military Training in the High Schools." At the third meeting, Dr. James H. Tufts, who is supplying in the Department Philosophy at Columbia University the Department of place of Prof. John Dewey, spoke on the subject, "The Real Business of Living in a Democracy." The next meeting will be addressed by Dr. J. J. Coss of Columbia University. His subject will be, "Survey Courses in Contemporary Education." One meeting has been devoted to the discussion of the benefits which are derived from membership in Phi Delta Kappa.

One very helpful feature of the meetings this session has been a statement by some member of the active chapter who is engaged in research, regarding the progress which he has made with his dissertation. At the last meeting, Mr. M. S. Pitman gave a most interesting report on the experiment which he has been conducting to determine the value of supervision in the rural schools.

Seventeen new members have been added to the chapter roll during the winter session. Among those who have affiliated with Beta Chapter from other chapters during the session are J. W. Twente of the Kansas Chapter, R. M. Magee of the Missouri Chapter, G. W. Frasier of Stanford Chapter, R. R. Hollingsworth of the Washington Chapter and C. R. Small of the Harvard Chapter.

The One Hundred Per Cent Membership Drive is well under way. The active chapter is doing its best to make this drive a success.

> BENNETT C. DOUGLASS, Corresponding Secretary.

DELTA (Stanford)

Delta Chapter has just issued its first quarterly news letter to all members of the chapter in the field. This was intended to serve as an official notice of the plans for the collection of the national dues. About thirty per cent of the membership have responded to date and others are coming in daily. Delta hopes soon to report 100 per cent efficiency in the national membership campaign. The information collected will constitute a second news letter which will be issued in a few days.